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Hi Kieran,

EirGrid acknowledges the correspondence from ABP in respect of the above reference, and confirming the Board's decision that the planned North-South 400 kV Interconnection Development would not come under the transitional provisions of Article 19 of the governing Regulation.

EirGrid is now keen to engage with ABP in order to formally notify of the PCI project, per the provisions of Article 10(1)(a) of the Regulation. In this regard, EirGrid has had detailed regard to the provisions of the Boards *Manual of Permit Granting Process Procedures*.

EirGrid clearly wishes the process to occur in an expeditious manner while meeting the provisions of the Regulation, and the Board's *Manual*. In this context, I wonder if you could provide a response to the following queries:-

- EirGrid intends to submit the notification letter to ABP with an accompanying document which provides a reasonable outline of the project at the earliest appropriate timeframe. This letter will also address the issue of the requirement of any other consents associated with the proposal. Does the Board consider that there is any further information which must be provided in order for it to issue a timely acknowledgement of the letter of notification, as per the provisions of the Regulation?
- Given the nature of the project process to date, including the significant extent of public and stakeholder consultation to date, it appears both appropriate and essential that EirGrid meets with ABP in a pre-application format to agree a process that is reasonable and practicable, and which meets the provisions of Articles 9 and 10 of the Regulation. Could you please advise of the Board's approach to pre-application consultation for PCI projects, and in particular, the likely timeframe for same following formal acknowledgement of the PCI notification?

Many thanks for this Kieran,

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